Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 30 Sep 2020 until 23:59 on Thursday 01 Oct 2020

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 29 Sep 2020 at 16:09 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Medium confidence with uncertainty around rainfall amounts but, high confidence for general forecast.

Headline for Wednesday 30 Sep 2020: Outbreaks of rain and severe gales, very poor visibility at times.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 30 Sep 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Dull	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Light rain	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	40%	40%	40%	60%	00%	60%

Forecast for Wednesday 30 Sep 2020

Weather: Rain affecting the Cuillins from the early hours and pushing east over most western ranges by dawn, cloud is likely to shroud the hill tops so quite foggy at times on the hills in the morning. Outbreaks of rain are expected to continue through the morning however Skye and Assynt are likely to be dry from mid morning. Rain continuing to move east in the afternoon perhaps lingering around the Great Glen until dusk. However for most ranges there will also be drier spells and maybe the odd bright spell especially around more northerly hills.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% in the morning there will be some breaks further north and on Skye by lunchtime but cloud bases will be widely around 500-700m. By mid afternoon 70% chance in the west with some good views likely.

Visibility: Visibility is likely to be moderate in outbreaks of rain. In any heavy outbreaks of rain visibility is likely to become poor or very poor for a time with cloud bases likely to lower as well. Later in the day visibility will improve in all but the eastern ranges.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	39/46 SE	43/52 SE	47/56 SE	29/35 S	18/22 W	16/20 NW	15/21 NW	13/18 NW	13/17 NW
900	33/40 SE	39/47 SE	41/50 SE	26/33 S	17/21 W	15/19 NW	15/21 NW	13/18 NW	12/16 NW
600	24/31 S	26/34 SE	27/36 SE	18/25 S	12/17 W	10/15 NW	8/14 NW	7/13 NW	7/11 NW
300	3/25 SE	6/34 SE	5/37 S	6/23 S	7/18 W	8/18 NW	7/17 NW	6/14 NW	5/13 NW
Glen	12/28 SE	15/33 SE	18/39 SE	10/22 SW	8/14 W	8/15 NW	7/15 NW	5/11 NW	6/12 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	3/-5	3/-5	4/-4	5/-1	4/-1	3/-2	2/-3	2/-3	1/-4
900	4/-3	4/-4	4/-3	6/0	5/0	4/-1	3/-2	2/-2	2/-2
600	6/1	6/1	7/2	8/4	7/4	6/3	6/3	5/2	4/2
300	8/7	8/7	9/8	10/9	9/8	9/7	8/6	7/5	6/4
Glen	11/8	11/8	12/8	12/10	12/10	11/10	10/9	10/8	9/7
Freezing Level*	1500m	1800m	2100m	2100m	1900m	1500m	1300m	1100m	1100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

A very windy morning on the hills and feeling very cold at first on the hills with a strong wind chill. Winds will ease by late morning and become northwesterly, once again it will feel very cold.

Forecast for Thursday 01 Oct 2020

Weather: Outbreaks of light rain and drizzle in the east but drier brighter conditions for Skye and Torridon. It will brighten up after lunchtime for most ranges with some sunny intervals by the end of the afternoon. Some of the precipitation will be wintry around the highest munro tops.

Maximum wind: Mainly northwesterly 15mph, easing later.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% chance in the morning in the east with bases widely around 400-500m, cloud lifting later in the afternoon improving the chances 70-80%.

Visibility: Generally good, perhaps poor at first around Glen Affric.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5 rising to 9 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: Around 1100m.

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